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To: Farm Program Directors

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Subject: WEEKLY REPORT ON "FEED SUPPLIES" May 4, 1945

Available feed supplies about met trade needs during the last week in April, but prices held at maxiumum levels, according to reports to the War Food Administration.

Wheat millfeed production continued large. Current offerings were more plentiful, and shipments to fill previous bookings moved out in larger volume, as transportation improved. Supplies in most areas were about equal to trade requirements. Millfeed production at the principal milling centers totaled almost 106 thousand tons--topping the previous week's record by 400 tons.

Oilseed cake and meal offerings were also larger, with the exception of linseed meal. Most other by-product feeds were still short of needs.

The gluten feed and meal market was about unchanged. Reports from the trade say that all May allocations are sold. Production continued heavy, while demand was less urgent. Inquiry for hominy feed increased slightly during the week. Offerings were relatively large...prices about unchanged.

Production of brewer's and distillers' grains was slightly larger. Allocations were on the basis of previous orders. Dehydrated meal prices stayed at the ceiling, while suncured meal was slightly less expensive. The tankage and meat scrap market was still tight, continuing in excess of the output.

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Feed markets were mostly unchanged during the week ending May 8, according to reports to the War Food Administration. Prices of all important by-product feeds held at ceiling levels.

The output of wheat mill feeds continued large. Current offerings increased considerably, and about equalled trade needs. With the improvement in transportation, shipments to fill previous bookings moved out in larger volume.

Offerings of most oilseed cakes and meals, while not large, practically met the demands.

Corn, oats and barley stocks totaled almost 48 million tons on April 1, or about 7½ million tons larger than a year ago. The large 1944 grain sorghum crop would undoubtedly add more than an average amount to the April 1 feed grain supply. However, the large demand for wheat for food, has cut down the amount available for feed.

Gluten feed and meal markets continued tight. Although reported heavy, most of the current production of gluten feed and meal was going to fill previous contracts, with practically nothing offered for May shipments.

Hominy feed markets strengthened slightly during the week. Demand was heavier, and offerings somewhat smaller.

Distillers' and brewers' dried grains held firm. Demand was urgent for tankage and meat scrap, while output was reported at only about half of normal.

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Demand for feed was generally less urgent during the week ended May 15, according to the War Food Administration.

Wheat millfeeds production continued relatively large. Current offerings were more plentiful, and practically met trade needs.

Offerings of most oilseed cakes and meals continued to show some increase. Demand was less active, with available supplies in most areas about sufficient to satisfy the demands.

The condition of farm pastures on May 1 was the best for that date in more than 15 years. With soil moisture generally ample, prospects for early summer green feeds are excellent. A better than average hay supply is expected for the 1945-46 season.

Gluten feed and meal markets showed little change from the previous weeks---with demand still considerably larger than the output. Hominy feed prices held firm to slightly higher. Demand was good, with offerings only moderate.

Distillers' and brewers' dried grains continued in active demand. Allocations increased slightly, but there were no general offerings. Supplies of tankage and meat scraps continued tight.

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Feed markets were practically unchanged, with demand still active, during the week ended May 22, according to reports to the War Food Administration.

Wheat millfeed production continued at record levels. However, despite larger output, all offerings of both prompt and deferred shipments were readily taken at ceiling levels - mainly by mixed feed manufacturers. Shipments on previous contracts were moving in large volume and many mills were reported well up on deliveries.

The oilseed cake and meal markets showed little change. Although offerings were not large, they were about sufficient to satisfy trade needs. Most other by-product feeds were still somewhat short of demands.

Supplies of grain by-product feeds and oilseed meals for the first half of the current season were slightly below the record supplies available for the same months last season. Despite a sharp decline in livestock numbers, demand held active throughout the period and most prices held at ceiling levels.

The gluten feed and meal market was tight. There were practically no offerings for May delivery, and no commitments reported for June shipment. Demand from mixed feed manufacturers was still urgent. Production was reported somewhat below normal. Hominy feed markets were firm to somewhat higher. Offerings were moderate and the general demand fair. Distillers' and brewers' dried grains continued in active demand, with current offerings still short of trade needs.